(c) to (e) Several steps have been taken during the last ten years to simplify the provisions of the existing Income Tax Act. The Finance Minister has already announced in his Budget Speech for 2005-06 that he intends to place before Parliament a new and simplified Income Tax Bill, which is a concrete step aimed at simplification. A special group of officers has been set up for this purpose.

Funds released to States

2891. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much fund has been released by the Central Government to State Governments in different categories and out of that how much amount has been spent by the State Governments;

(b) whether the State Governments have received the help from abroad or received amount from other sources other than Government; and

(c) whether it is a fact that State Governments could not utilise the funds so received and still have funds available; if so, how much?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (c) The position regarding release of funds category-wise for the year 2005-06 is given in the Statement. (*See* below). The State Governments are accountable to their Legislature for proper utilisation of funds. Besides, Accounts of States are subject to audit by C&AG of India under Article 151(2) of the Constitution.

(b) Yes, Sir, Assistance for Externally Aided Projects is released to State Governments by the Government of India as Additional Central Assistance (ACA). An amount of Rs. 41412.86 lakhs has been released as Additional Central Assistance for Externally Aided Projects during the current financial year (2005-06) so far.

Statement

Central Assistance (Plan & Non-Plan) released by Ministry of Finance to State Governments during 2005-06
(upto 18.8.2005)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	States	NCA	Spl.Plan Assist	SCA for Hill Area/ WGDP	SCA for Border Area	ACA for EAPs	ACA for APDRP	ACA for NSAP	ACA for NPAG
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Andhra Pr.	15488.00				6835.73		1686.68	544.85
2	Arunachal Pr.	23387.40				247.10			3.46
3	Assam	56534.03				91.30		2054.51	122.17
4	Bihar	25002.00				0.00		3303.27	525.95
5	Chhattisgarh	6609.16	75.00			250.06		722.59	164.43
6	Goa	905.15		144.45		0.00			45.02
7	Gujarat	8692.74			603.94	9609.66		895.63	305.00
8	Haryana	3848.34				184.71			120.17
9	Himachal Pr.	28488.75			184.71	327.93			90.07
10	J&K	58577.25	50239.30		4166.67	930.09			66.81
11	Jharkhand	7472.05				12.82			178.73
12	Karnataka	9665.36		700.65		5526.53			516.40
13	Kerala	7251.54		590.85		1083.88	6494.00	718.54	247.87
14	Madhya Pr.	15024.44				989.66		1912.36	276.96
15	Maharashtra	15121.35		947.70		2101.51		2558.51	612.80
16	Manipur	17224.81				137.29			15.80
17	Meghalaya	14040.75				211.27			16.86
18	Mizoram	16207.58			1015.19	4905.00			6.77
19	Nagaland	17434.00				4.94			16.80
20	Orissa	11767.25				410.13		1474.94	289.53
21	Punjab	4761.45				0.15			129.65
22	Rajasthan	12305.89			1864.00	2575.93		943.37	236.49

23	Sikkim	11120.65			23.54	157.90		47.67	6.10
24	Tamil Nadu	12716.79		1489.05		733.50		1760.76	211.45
25	Tripura	24304.90			780.98	18.39		279.83	91.03
26	Uttar Pr.	41389.55			402.76	2705.17		4962.93	311.31
27	Uttaranchal	28132.50	9000.00		268.81	639.22		306.07	106.95
28	West Bengal	19070.95			374.33	4738.04	35550.50	1998.39	620.88
	TOTAL:	512544.63	59314.30	3872.70	8853.70	41412.86	46949.50	25953.98	5880.31

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EAPs-Externally Aided Projects
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(upto 18.8.2005)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	States	W&M Advance	Share in Central Taxes	Small Savings Loans	NPRDG	Upgradation Grants	CRF	NCCF
1	2	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1	Andhra Pradesh		249655.00	211945.00		650.00	12903.00	
2	Arunachal Pradesh	20000.00	9775.00	1011.00	11326.00	1000.00	1062.00	6844.00
3	Assam		109795.00	43570.00	12736.00	17239.00		
4	Bihar		374270.00	75019.00		36714		
5	Chhattisgarh		90080.00	38118.00		850	4191.00	
6	Goa		8790.00	26270.00		30		
7	Gujarat		121120.00	399196.00		200	9225.00	50000.00
8	Haryana		36490.00	89926.00		20.00	10000.00	
9	Himachal Pradesh		17725.00	32319.00	90172.00	200.00	7552.00	10000.00
10	J&K		41565.00	19175.00	102440.00	300.00	3242.00	949.00
11	Jharkhand		114070.00	53021.00		8560		
12	Karnataka		151330.00	192732.00		550	8600.00	5700.00
13	Kerala	35000.00	90445.00	118640.00	19599.00	250.00	3207.00	
14	Madhya Pradesh		227760.00	135584.00		6395	9534.00	
15	Maharashtra		169590.00	695719.00		700	16718.00	101948.00
16	Manipur		12290.00	874.00	53893.00	300.00		

17	Meghalaya		12595.00	2664.00	15695.00	300.00		
18	Mizoram		8120.00	1352.00	22383.00	250.00		
19	Nagaland	10000.00	8925.00	383.00	41401.00	250.00	144.00	
20	Orissa		175155.00	57998.00	20335.00	4985.00	11308.00	
21	Punjab		44080.00	159648.00	64868.00	20.00	5476.00	
22	Rajasthan		190355.00	175271.00		1250.00	15587.00	
23	Sikkim		7705.00	598.00	2784.00	80.00	658.00	
24	Tamil Nadu		180040.00	260980.00		300.00		
25	Tripura		14525.00	8215.00	43413.00	150.00		
26	Uttar Pradesh		653795.00	339227.00	55425.00			
27	Uttaranchal		31860.00	47826.00	46371.00	850.00	3551.00	
28	West Bengal		239505.00	455467.00	101620.00	3391.00		
	TOTAL:	65000.00	3391410.00	3642748.00	649036.00	141209.00	112958.00	175441.00

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